# INITIATIVE PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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We, the undersigned, being qualified electors request the following initiated law be placed on the ballot as provided by law.

## **SPONSORING COMMITTEE**

The following are the names and addresses of the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota who, as the sponsoring committee for the petitioners, represent and act for the petitioners in accordance with law.

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#### **BALLOT TITLE**

This initiated measure would amend North Dakota Century Code sections 5-03-07 and 5-03-08 and add a new section to chapter 50-06 increasing the tax on the wholesale price of beer, requiring the additional tax to be deposited in a fund designated as the responsible choices fund, and establishing a responsible choices commission to provide public education related to the consumption and abuse of alcoholic beverages.

#### FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE MATERIAL IS BEING DELETED. IF NO MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED OR OVERSTRUCK, THE MEASURE CONTAINS ALL NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING ADDED.

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**5-03-07.** Imposition of tax - Rate. A tax is hereby imposed upon all alcoholic beverage wholesalers for the privilege of doing business in the state. The amount of such tax shall be determined by the gallonage sold by wholesalers according to the following schedule:

age sold by wholesalers according to the renewing	beneuare.
Beer in bulk containers – per wine gallon	\$ .08 .16 (.021 .042 per liter)
Beer in bottles and cans – per wine gallon	.16 .24 (.042 .063 per liter)
Wine containing less than 17% alcohol by	
volume – per wine gallon	.50 (.132 per liter)
Wine containing 17%-24% alcohol by volume	
- per wine gallon	.60 (.159 per liter)
Sparkling wine – per wine gallon	1.00 (.264 per liter)
Distilled spirits – per wine gallon	2.50 (.66 per liter)
Alcohol – per wine gallon	4.05 (1.07 per liter)

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-03-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5-03-08. Taxes and fees deposited in the general fund — Responsible choices fund. All moneys collected by the tax commissioner under this chapter must be transferred to the state treasurer, within ten days after the end of the month in which they were collected, and deposited in the state general fund, except for the revenue from eight cents per gallon for beer in bulk containers and from eight cents per gallon for beer in bottles and cans of the tax imposed by section 5-03-07, which must be deposited in the responsible choices fund.

**SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

## Responsible choices commission – Objectives – Continuing appropriation.

1. The governor shall appoint five members to the responsible choices commission. Commission members shall serve a term of two years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. Of the

- initial members appointed, the governor shall appoint three members to a term of three years. The department of human services shall provide staff services to the commission.
- 2. The responsible choices commission shall contract with, or grant funds to, entities within this state to discourage impaired driving, underage drinking, alcohol and drug abuse, and related destructive behaviors. The commission shall coordinate its efforts with state agencies, political subdivisions, and higher education institutions to provide a network for dissemination of information and materials to further its mission. The commission shall provide funding for a statewide youth-centered prevention network; media campaigns; programs at college campuses to promote the no-use policy for students under age twenty-one, including money for alcohol-free social events; financial assistance for community and school programs and speakers to address issues relevant to its mission; research to be conducted by North Dakota institutions of higher education to identify effective strategies to discourage destructive behavior; and other prevention-related efforts deemed necessary by the commission.
- 3. Money in the responsible choices fund is appropriated to the responsible choices commission on a standing and continuing basis, and any unused funds shall be carried over to the next fiscal period.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNERS

You are being asked to sign a petition. You must be a qualified elector. This means you are eighteen years old, you have lived in North Dakota thirty days, and you are a United States citizen. All signers must add their complete residential address or rural route or general delivery address and the date of signing. Every qualified elector signing a petition must do so in the presence of the person circulating the petition.

## **QUALIFIED ELECTORS** ·

Month, Day, Year	Name of Qualified Elector	Residential Address or Complete Rural Route or General Delivery Address	City, State, Zip Code
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